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SUBJECT:ALLEGED TRAVEL OF ARNULFO ARIAS TO PANAMA

1. DAN BOHNING OF THE MIAMI HERALD HAS BEEN GOOD ENOUGH TO TELL US THE FOLLOWING AND WILL REPORT BACK TO US ANY DEVELOPMENTS.

2. ARIAS, ACCOMPANIED BY 14 OTHERS (WITH 6 OTHERS ON THE WAIT LIST) WILL BE DEPARTING FROM MIAMI AIRPORT AT 5:04 P.M. ABOARD PAN AM 585 FOR TOCUMEN, ACCORDING TO ONE OF HIS AIDES WHO IS TELEPHONING ALL OF MIAMI'S PRESS AND TV MEDIA.

3. ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT ARIAS AND HIS PARTY PRESUME THAT THEY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LAND, WE CAN ONLY SURMISE THAT HE EXPECTS PAN AM AIRWAYS TO REFUSE HIM PERMISSION TO EMBARK ON THAT FLIGHT. COVERAGE OF THAT ABORTED TRAVEL PLAN WOULD OF COURSE SERVE HIS INTERESTS QUITE WELL.

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4. WE ARE NOT REPEAT NOT INFORMING THE PANAMANIAN HERE
OF ANY OF THIS.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE TELEPHONE CALL FROM EMBASSY OFFICER
TO BELL AT HOME (OR FIRFER) FOLLOWING THE ARRIVAL OF THAT
FLIGHT AT TOCUMEN, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS. KISSINGER

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